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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the start of a new semester! While there will be many programmes and activities this semester to excite and engage students in their learning, what will be one virtue you will want your child to exercise and learn more deeply about? Undoubtedly there will be many important virtues you can think of. I can suggest one from 32nd SEA Games.

The 32nd SEA Games, which was held in Phnom Penh Cambodia from 5 to 17 May, saw 11 nations coming together to compete in 581 events. There were many memorable events, but one event pulled the heartstrings of many. This was the women's 5000m race held on 9 May which was won by Vietnam's Thi Oanh Nguyen, one of the region's finest athletes. But it wasn't the winner who drew the attention, but the runner who came in nearly six minutes behind. She was Cambodia's Bou Samnang.

Already last in the field, Samnang kept running despite a torrential rainstorm that began after most of the runners had already finished. Samnang said, "It was very rainy and very windy and the thunder and the lightning I heard and saw as well." She had a right to abandon the race because of the weather, but she chose to continue anyway. Why? "It was important for me to finish the race because of the crowd support that I had and also that I was representing Cambodia." said Samnang.

Many did not know that Samnang also had anaemia that caused her to feel unwell that day and that had impacted her performance. Nevertheless, Samnang felt the experience would serve her well. "Determination is super important both in my law career and my athletics career," Samnang reflected. "I think having that determination will help me succeed and it's super important to have in life."

What has she learnt? "I've learned to never give up, to keep pushing, to keep persevering, to have patience. Even if you walk slow, even if you go slow, the important thing is that you finish. Even if you go slow, it's much better than not finishing, not crossing the finish line, so this is what I've learned from this experience, just to keep going forward and keep persevering."

While winning a medal in a race is certainly a great motivator, it is not what the race is all about. Athletes know that, which is why they don't give up even when they know they are not in the running for a medal. It is not *what* you are running for, but *why* you are running in the first place. You are running for a better you.

1. Upcoming Events in Term 3

DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
29 June	Public Holiday – Hari Raya Haji	
5, 19 July	House Practice – Delta	2pm to 430pm
7 July 11 Aug	House Practice - Gillman	2pm to 430pm
Sun 2 July	National Education Show	For P5 students only. Please refer to details which will be shared via Parents Gateway.
3 July	School Holiday - Youth Day	
4 – 5 July	P1 Phase 1 Registration	
4 – 7 July	P4 Young Photographers	During Curriculum Time. Please refer to letter sent via Parents Gateway on 23 May.
	Cyberwellness Week	
4 July	P6: Learning Journey to Asian Civilisation Museum	During Curriculum Time
5, 12, 19, 26 July 23 Aug	APEX EL: Debate Training	2pm to 330pm
5, 12, 19 July 23 Aug	APEX EL: Scrabble	2pm to 330pm
5, 12, 19, 26 July 23 Aug	APEX EL: Writing	2pm to 330pm
10 – 21 July	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	During Mother Tongue Language Lessons
12, 26 July	House Practice – Keppel	2pm to 430pm
14 July 4 Aug	House Practice - Redhill	2pm to 430pm
19 July – 1 Aug	ALP: P5 ERLA during Science Lessons	
24 July 28 Aug	Junior Reporters Programme	230pm to 4pm For selected students only
27 and 28 July	P6 Prelim Oral Examination	After curriculum hours
2 – 4 Aug	P5 Camp	2 and 3 Aug: 730am to 5pm 4 Aug: 730am – 130pm
8 Aug	National Day Celebrations	
9 Aug	PH - National Day	
10 Aug	School Holiday - National Day	
15 & 16 Aug	PSLE Oral Exam	P1 - P5 students are not required to come to school. They will complete tasks assigned by teachers at home.
17 Aug	P3 GEP Screening Test	
	P6 Prelim Listening Comprehension	After curriculum hours
21 – 25 Aug	P6 Prelim Exams	
31 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebrations	
1 Sep	School Holiday - Teachers' Day	
4 & 5 Sep	P6 Supplementary Lessons	
2 – 10 Sep	Term 3 School Holiday Break	

New! Parents Gateway has introduced a new function, whereby the school events can be viewed in the app. Please click on 'School Calendar' under Services tab to view the school events.

2. Mother Tongue Language Fortnight

The Mother Tongue Language Fortnight is a platform for experiential learning of the Mother Tongue Language. Students get to experience and appreciate the Mother Tongue Language and its culture through engaging cultural activities, such as traditional handicraft making and language-related games. There will also be internal competitions involving the different Mother Tongue Language skillsets where students get to pit their creativity and knowledge against each other.

3. The Green Snapshots (TGS) – A Nature & Heritage Trail

This term, TGS marks its return with a public trail on 22 July 2023. Student-docents will guide participants on a learning journey to different hotspots around Telok Blangah and its surrounding vicinity. They will provide an in-depth and personal sharing of the history, flora and fauna of the area.

The trail is built on the school's Learning for Life Programme (LLP) – Environmental Education, which weaves nature into the curriculum and provides experiential learning activities. During the 2½-hour long guided tour, the student-docents will also share about the unique architecture and development of the area over the years, as well as engage participants in fun hands-on activities.

To sign up for the trail, please visit the school website. Participation in the trail is on a first-come, first-served basis.

4. Friends of Berlayer Creek

Following the success of our first book, "The Green Dragonflies and their Swampy Friends", we have produced "Friends of Berlayer Creek: A Tale of Understanding", an illustrated children's book written and illustrated by BRPS's very own. This sequel tells a story of conflict and eventual harmony between the animals who live in Berlayer Creek. Along the way, readers will also learn how Steven Covey's 7 Habits are enacted by the animals of Berlayer Creek.

The story has been shared during our Open House on 27 May.

Join us for our upcoming storytelling session of "Friends of Berlayer Creek" at library@harbourfront on 9 July at 1pm.

The story will also be featured in our upcoming The Green Snapshots (TGS) trail on 22 July.

Visit our website to find out more about our storybook:

<https://www.blangahrisepri.moe.edu.sg/friends-of-berlayer-creek/>

5. Joyful Learning in Math and Science

To enhance the engagement of students in learning math and science, students will continue to be actively engaged in activities such as ALP STEM lessons - robotics, engineering-related learning activities (ERLA) and STEM competitions in semester 2. Students will also have the opportunities to work on science kits, math and science challenges. Students develop their cognitive skills as these activities require problem-solving, analysis and exploration. The activities also promote curiosity, self-directed learning and collaboration as students have to think creatively and critically when they work on the activities.

6. 2023 Primary One Registration Exercise (For Admission to Primary One in 2024)

The registration of children for admission to P1 classes in 2024 will open from **Tuesday, 4 July 2023 to Tuesday, 31 October 2023**. Parents are encouraged to prepare early and regularly check the P1 Registration Exercise website for the latest updates on the registration exercise and the documents required for registration, including registration for overseas Singaporeans.

For clarifications or assistance, please contact us at 62717387 or email us at brps@moe.edu.sg.

More information can be found in the links below:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration>

[2023 Primary One Registration Exercise to Start from 4 July 2023 | MOE](#)

7. International Partnerships

This year, our school will continue to collaborate with Chung Dau Bilingual School, Taiwan and East Beijing Road Primary School, China. A class of Primary 4 students met their overseas buddies online via Google Meet to share ideas about environmental issues and discuss possible solutions using Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM). They also exchanged letters with one another to share about their school experiences and the different cultures in their respective country. We certainly look forward to meeting them in person in the near future.

In addition, selected students in Primary 4 also have a chance to participate in a Pen Pal Programme with students from West Valley Elementary School in Sunnyvale, California. Students would be able to apply their skills in writing informal letters in an authentic context as they connect with other children around the world and learn about everyday life in another country.

Wishing you all a very good term ahead.

Yours sincerely



Francis Foo
Principal